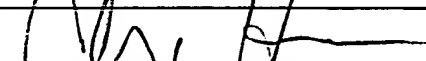


<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheet as necessary)</i>			<b>Complete if Known</b>		
			<b>Application Number</b>	filed herewith	
			<b>Filing Date</b>	filed herewith	
			<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Robert Seeberger et al.	
			<b>Group Art Unit</b>		
<b>Examiner Name</b>					
<b>Sheet</b>	1	<b>of</b>	2	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	069-0106

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
gt	1	6,112,780		Meheen	Sep. 5, 2000	
	2	6,105,341		Campbell	Aug. 22, 2000	
	3	6,079,460		Ballan et al.	Jun. 27, 2000	
	4	5,916,110		Sanfilippo et al.	Jun. 29, 1999	
	5	5,802,812		Heudecker	Sep. 8, 1998	
	6	5,799,464		Olsson	Sep. 1, 1998	
	7	5,634,500		Clüsserath et al.	Jun. 3, 1997	
	8	5,617,705		Sanfilippo et al.	Apr. 8, 1997	
	9	5,595,221		Lagneau	Jan. 21, 1997	
	10	5,564,481		Clüsserath	Oct. 15, 1996	
	11	5,402,833		Clüsserath	Apr. 4, 1995	
	12	5,313,990		Clüsserath	May 24, 1994	
	13	5,299,408		Dupont	Apr. 5, 1994	
	14	5,224,523		Wardle	Jul 6, 1993	
	15	5,139,179		Cecil	Aug. 18, 1992	
	16	5,071,667		Grine et al.	Dec. 10, 1991	
	17	5,033,254		Zenger	Jul. 23, 1991	
	18	5,020,303		Vokins	Jun. 4, 1991	
	19	4,999,978		Kohlbach et al.	Mar. 19, 1991	
	20	4,905,454		Sanfilippo et al.	Mar. 6, 1990	
	21	4,870,801		Mizandjian et al.	Oct. 3, 1989	
	22	4,869,047		Nishiguchi et al.	Sep. 26, 1989	
	23	4,827,696		Arends et al.	May 9, 1989	
	24	4,703,609		Yoshida et al.	Nov. 3, 1987	
	25	4,658,566		Sanfilippo	Apr. 21, 1987	
	26	4,537,043		Volker et al.	Aug. 27, 1985	
	27	4,467,846		Croser	Aug. 28, 1984	
	28	4,354,611		Propst et al.	Oct. 19, 1982	
	29	4,347,695		Zobel et al.	Sep. 7, 1982	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

<b>Examiner Signature</b>		<b>Date Considered</b>	2/13/04
-------------------------------	---	----------------------------	---------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent documents. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard St.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

[illegible][illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	2/13/04
-----------------------	---	--------------------	---------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent documents. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard St.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231**